



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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Site:	West Lake Landfill
ID:	MBD079900832
Area:	11.4
Order:	OU#2
	9-25-98

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Doug Borro
Laidlaw Waste Systems (Bridgeton), Inc.
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15880 North Greenway-Hayden Loop
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Dear Mr. Borro:

I am writing to inform you of the advantages the West Lake Landfill potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) have received as being participants in one of the Agency's administrative reforms. We have not formally notified you of the site's participation in this reform previously, but feel that it is appropriate to provide you with some information of the advantages your site has received in participating in the reform. The specific reform concerns the Agency's oversight of PRP activities at the site.

Specific actions have been taken to find ways to minimize the cost of our oversight of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) for West Lake Landfill OU 2 while at the same time ensuring public interests are fulfilled. One of the initial actions was to select an oversight contractor who was physically located close to the site, thus not only reducing the travel costs but the number of hours required to oversee the activity. We then elected to only provide 'spot' oversight ensuring that a presence was maintained throughout the RI/FS, but not continuously. This resulted in a considerable reduction of the number of hours the contractor was required to spend onsite. The contractor's presence in this fashion was able to ensure the public interests were maintained, yet did not require him to be onsite at all times. Additionally, we arranged for not only the same contractor to be assigned to the other operable unit on site, but the same contract employee was assigned to both operable units resulting in further savings to both us.



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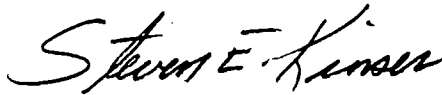


By allowing you to 'do your own splits', significant savings in the cost we would have been required to bill for oversight were realized. Of course a portion of the cost is off set by your analytical cost, but I believe that the savings were still significant. The approach to document reviews and other oversight activities was done with an 'eye' kept to minimizing the amount of time and thus cost for oversight.

The success of the reform is such that we are going to continue not only West Lake Landfill's participation in the reform, but we will be expanding the reform to a significant amount of other sites. One of the new features of the reform is that not only will we be expanding the number of sites involved in the reform, but we will be offering the opportunity for each site which is included in the reform to meet with us, if they desire, and discuss the anticipated oversight for the upcoming year. I am sure that rather than scheduling a specific meeting for this, we can include it in one of our upcoming discussions on the RI/FS or other topics which may arise.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by telephone at (913) 551-7728 or by e-mail at kinser.steven@epamail.epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jalal El-Jayyousi, MDNR

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